

SENATE FLOOR ACTION

**Tuesday
March 17, 2015**

The Senate suspended the necessary rules to consider and finally pass:

SB 45 (LC) **Zaffirini/ Uresti**

Relating to the designation of a portion of Interstate Highway 37 as the Trooper Terry Wayne Miller Memorial Highway.

SB 97 (CS) Hinojosa/ et al.

Relating to regulation of the sale, distribution, possession, use, and advertising of e-cigarettes; creating offenses.

SB 133 (CS) Schwertner/ et al.

Relating to mental health first aid training for school district employees and school resource officers.

SB 149 (CS) **Seliger/ et al.**

Relating to alternative methods for satisfying certain public high school graduation requirements, including the use of individual graduation committees.

4 Floor Amendments

SB 227 (LC) **Zaffirini**

Relating to the designation of a segment of Farm-to-Market Road 624 in McMullen County as the Game Warden James E. Daughtrey Memorial Highway.

SB 318 (LC) Hinojosa/ et al.

Relating to the amount the Texas Military Preparedness Commission may grant to local governmental entities for certain purposes.

SB 415 (CS) (LC) **Watson**

Relating to the designation of a portion of Farm-to-Market Road 685 in Travis County as the Deputy Jessica Hollis Memorial Highway.

SB 424 (CS) Schwertner/ et al.

Relating to the licensing and regulation of hospitals in this state; increasing the amount of administrative penalties assessed or imposed against certain hospitals; authorizing the imposition of a fee.

The Senate suspended the regular order, read third time and finally passed:

SB 17 Estes/ et al.

Relating to the authority of a person who is licensed to carry a handgun to openly carry a holstered handgun; creating a criminal offense; providing penalties.

The Senate adopted the following resolutions:

SCR 13 **Seliger/ Estes/ Fraser/ Hinojosa/ Nichols/ et al.**

Urging the U.S. Congress to end the ban on crude oil exports.

The Senate confirmed all nominees as reported by the Committee on Nominations.

Committee referral on the following:

SJR 43

Proposing a constitutional amendment prohibiting the issuance of certain debt and the use of certain revenue for toll roads.

Transportation

SJR 44 Hall

Proposing a constitutional amendment to change the number, method of appointment, and terms of members of the Texas Ethics Commission and providing for the governance, purpose, and mission of the commission.

State Affairs

SCR 24 Taylor, Larry/ et al.

Authorizing the State Preservation Board to approve and permit the construction of a monument at the state Capitol Complex, at a site outside the historic Capitol grounds, honoring veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Administration

SB 1121 Zaffirini

Relating to the authority of a public utility agency to provide water and sewer service and enter into contracts.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 1122 Estes

Relating to a limitation on the authority to curtail groundwater production from wells used for power generation or mining.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 1123 West

Relating to the establishment of the office of early learning within the Texas Education Agency.

Education

SB 1124 Eltife

Relating to creation of the university research initiative fund, the abolishment of the Texas emerging technology fund, and the disposition of balances from the Texas emerging technology fund.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 1125 Taylor, Van

Relating to the sale of motor vehicles to manufacturers.

Finance

SB 1126 Taylor, Larry

Relating to a prohibition of restrictions on the grade levels at which a public high school student may be eligible to enroll in a dual credit course.

Education

SB 1127 Zaffirini/ Rodríguez

Relating to the period of continuous eligibility for the medical assistance program.

Health & Human Services

SB 1128 Zaffirini

Relating to certain diagnostic testing during pregnancy.

Health & Human Services

SB 1129 Zaffirini

Relating to the transportation of a person with a mental illness.

Health & Human Services

SB 1130 Campbell

Relating to suspending a vehicle registration for the failure to establish financial responsibility; imposing penalties.

Transportation

SB 1131 West

Relating to monetary assistance provided by the Department of Family and Protective Services to certain relatives and designated caregivers.

Health & Human Services

SB 1132 Perry

Relating to the protection and use of certain products, information, and technology of the Parks and Wildlife Department.

Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs

SB 1133 Taylor, Van

Relating to the repossession of an aircraft.

Business & Commerce

SB 1134 Campbell

Relating to fingerprints collected by the Texas Department of Public Safety from an applicant for a driver's license or personal identification certificate and used for the department's image verification system.

Transportation

SB 1135 Garcia/ Huffman/ Zaffirini

Relating to civil and criminal liability for the disclosure or promotion of certain intimate visual material; creating an offense.

Criminal Justice

SB 1136 West

Relating to the compensation of presiding judges of administrative judicial regions.

Finance

SB 1137 Creighton

Relating to improvement projects of the Sabine-Neches Navigation District of Jefferson County, Texas; providing authority to issue anticipation notes and time warrants.

Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs

SB 1138 Taylor, Larry

Relating to the creation of the Brazoria County Municipal Utility District No. 68; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, or taxes.

Intergovernmental Relations

SB 1139 Huffman

Relating to the operation and administration of and practice in courts in the judicial branch of state government and the composition of certain juvenile boards.

State Affairs

SB 1140 Watson

Relating to the establishment of a technology allotment for public schools.

Education

SB 1141 Watson

Relating to the establishment and administration of the qualified ABLE program; granting authority to impose a fee.

Business & Commerce

SB 1142 Watson

Relating to regulation of discount drug card program operators; authorizing administrative and civil penalties; authorizing fees; expanding a registration requirement.

Business & Commerce

SB 1143 Watson

Relating to the taxation, titling, and registration of certain motor vehicles.

Transportation

SB 1144 Watson

Relating to intermunicipal commuter rail districts.

Transportation

SB 1145 Watson

Relating to the possession and removal of a placenta from a hospital or birthing center.

Health & Human Services

SB 1146 Watson

Relating to the composition of the board of trustees of the Employees Retirement System of Texas.

State Affairs

Relating to the lease of undeveloped real property by certain hospital districts.

SB 1148 Watson/ et al.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

Relating to the commitment of certain juveniles to local post-adjudication secure correctional facilities in certain counties and to the release under supervision of those juveniles.

SB 1150 Hall

Relating to the repeal of the enabling legislation for regional mobility authorities.

SB 1151 Hall

Relating to consultation with public employees concerning employment matters.

SB 1152 Hall

Relating to meetings of the board of directors of a regional mobility authority.

SB 1153 Hall

Relating to a prohibition against an employer providing certain employee information to a labor union.

SB 1154 Hall

Relating to the deadline for filing an application for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the residence homestead of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran.

SB 1155

Relating to prohibition of certain regulations by a county, municipality, or other political subdivision.

SB 1156 Hall

Relating to abolishing the Pan American Games trust fund, Olympic Games trust fund, Major Events trust fund, Motor Sports Racing trust fund, and Events trust fund.

SB 1157 Hall

Relating to a deduction from a state employee's wages or a retiree's annuity for membership fees in a state employee organization.

SB 1158 Hall

Relating to a county jail sales and use tax; authorizing a tax.

SB 1159 Estes

Relating to a prohibition of limitations on the number of dual credit courses or hours in which a public high school student may enroll.

SB 1160 Whitmire

Relating to implementation of a workplace violence prevention plan in certain hospitals; providing an administrative penalty.

SB 1161 Zaffirini

Business & Commerce

Relating to the nonsubstantive revision of certain local laws concerning water and wastewater special districts, including conforming amendments.

Health & Human Services

Relating to insurance agents' ownership and use of certain information related to general property and casualty insurance policies; authorizing administrative penalties; adding provisions that may be subject to a criminal penalty.

Relating to the express preemption of regulation of oil and gas operations and the exclusive jurisdiction of those operations by the state.

Relating to recovery of damages for delay of payment of certain insurance claims.

Relating to relating to autonomous motor vehicles.

Relating to the operation of certain property owners' associations.

Relating to suicide prevention training for educators in public schools.

Relating to excluding certain students from the computation of dropout and completion rates for purposes of public school accountability of open-enrollment charter schools.

Relating to the operation of certain oversize or overweight vehicles transporting timber, timber products, or forestry equipment on certain public roadways.

Relating to the issuance of obligations payable from and secured by the Texas Mobility Fund.

Relating to commercial driver's licenses and commercial learner's permits and the operation of commercial motor vehicles; creating a criminal offense; amending provisions subject to a criminal penalty; authorizing fees.

Relating to the property to which a child support lien attaches.

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Relating to judicial review of certain workers' compensation disputes.
Business & Commerce

SB 1176 **Eltife**
Relating to the authority and rights of pharmacy services administrative organizations to conduct the business of independent pharmacies with respect to certain pharmacy benefits.
Business & Commerce

SB 1177 **Eltife**
Relating to the provision of telemedicine medical services by a physician.
Health & Human Services

SB 1178 **Huffines**
Relating to establishing an education savings account program.
Education

SB 1179 **Huffines**
Relating to abolishing certain occupational licensing requirements and associated regulations.
Business & Commerce

SB 1180 **Huffines**
Relating to the membership, powers, and duties of the Sunset Advisory Commission.
State Affairs

SB 1181 **Huffines**
Relating to an interim study concerning this state's noncommercial hunting and fishing license systems.
Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs

SB 1182 **Huffines**
Relating to the use of money in the state highway fund for toll projects.
Transportation

SB 1183 **Huffines**
Relating to authorizing the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to enter into certain contracts with private vendors.
Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs

SB 1184 **Huffines**
Relating to an audit of regional mobility authorities conducted by the state auditor.
Transportation

SB 1185 **Huffines**
Relating to a biennial study regarding occupational licensing requirements.
Business & Commerce

SB 1186 **Huffines**
Relating to the permissible wealth per student of certain school districts.
Education

SB 1187 **Taylor, Van**
Relating to claims of patent infringement; providing civil penalties; imposing fees.
State Affairs

SB 1188 **Seliger**
Relating to a study on the feasibility of requiring certain researchers to make research papers available to the public.
Higher Education

SB 1189 **Seliger**
Relating to the establishment of a transfer associate degree program at each public junior college.
Higher Education

SB 1190 **Seliger**

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State Affairs

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Natural Resources & Economic Development

Criminal Justice

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Education

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- SB 1204

Rodríguez

Relating to a waiver of fees by the Department of Agriculture and the Parks and Wildlife Department for certain educational programs involving aquaculture and hydroponics.

Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs
- SB 1205

Rodríguez

Relating to the environmental services fee at public institutions of higher education.

Higher Education
- SB 1206

Kolkhorst

Relating to fees charged by the Coastal Plains Groundwater Conservation District.

Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs
- SB 1207

Kolkhorst

Relating to tuition and fee bills or billing statements provided to students by certain public institutions of higher education.

Higher Education
- SB 1208

Kolkhorst

Relating to the disclosure of personal information contained in motor vehicle records; creating a criminal offense; providing penalties.

Business & Commerce
- SB 1209

Kolkhorst

Relating to the privacy of certain personal information held by health and human services agencies.

Health & Human Services
- SB 1210

Kolkhorst

Relating to the regulation of amusement redemption machine game rooms in certain counties.

Intergovernmental Relations
- SB 1211

Kolkhorst

Relating to procedures for the review and selection of certain instructional materials by public school districts and open-enrollment charter schools.

Education
- SB 1212

Kolkhorst

Relating to the creation of the offense of unlawful disclosure of intimate visual material.

Criminal Justice
- SB 1213

Kolkhorst

Relating to prohibiting the reidentification of certain deidentified information and the release of any reidentified information; creating a criminal offense.

Business & Commerce
- SB 1214

Taylor, Van

Relating to the use of human remains for forensic science education, including the training of search and rescue animals.

Health & Human Services
- SB 1215

Bettencourt

Relating to abolishing the property tax assistance division of the office of the comptroller of public accounts and transferring its powers and duties to the newly created State Property Tax Board.

Finance
- SB 1216

Bettencourt

Relating to abolishing certain county boards of education, boards of county school trustees, and offices of county school superintendent.

Education
- SB 1217

Bettencourt

Relating to the duty of an attorney ad litem appointed for a child to meet with the child before court hearings.

State Affairs

- SB 1219 Bettencourt**
 Relating to a combined online application for persons applying for certain state and local economic development incentives.
Natural Resources & Economic Development
- SB 1220 Bettencourt**
 Relating to tax increment financing.
Natural Resources & Economic Development
- SB 1221 Bettencourt**
 Relating to public school class size limits.
Education
- SB 1222 Bettencourt**
 Relating to the authority of the commissioner of education to issue subpoenas during an investigation of educator misconduct.
Education
- SB 1223 Bettencourt**
 Relating to requiring the consent of all parties to legally intercept certain communications.
Criminal Justice
- SB 1224 Schwertner**
 Relating to guardianships for incapacitated persons.
State Affairs
- SB 1225 Seliger**
 Relating to the retention and use of sales tax revenue collected by certain retailers to provide job training and placement services to certain persons.
Finance
- SB 1226 Seliger**
 Relating to a sales and use tax exemption for certain equipment used for digital audio broadcasting.
Finance
- SB 1227 Seliger**
 Relating to payment of covered claims based on assignment.
Business & Commerce
- SB 1228 Seliger**
 Relating to authorizing children of Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission employees to be employed by holders of licenses or permits issued by the commission.
Business & Commerce
- SB 1229 Seliger**
 Relating to restrictions on the use of credit card payments to settle claims for health care services.
Business & Commerce
- SB 1230 Creighton**
 Relating to the availability of certain school district financial information on certain districts' Internet websites.
Education
- SB 1231 Taylor, Larry**
 Relating to the regulation of certain health care provider network contract arrangements.
Business & Commerce
- SB 1232 Taylor, Larry**
 Relating to participation in and rates for coverage provided under the uniform group coverage program for active employees.
State Affairs
- SB 1233 Taylor, Larry**

Relating to authorizing certain distributions of income from a nonprofit corporation to members of the corporation who are certain nonprofit corporations.

Business & Commerce

SB 1234 **Ellis**

Relating to the matters to be considered in developing the state water plan.

Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs

SB 1235 **Whitmire**

Relating to defining the duties and penalties concerning pain management clinics.

Health & Human Services

SB 1236 **Taylor, Van**

Relating to asset management agreements of the Texas Department of Transportation.

Transportation

SB 1237 **Taylor, Van**

Relating to Internet broadcasts of open meetings held by the policy board of a metropolitan planning organization.

Business & Commerce

SB 1238 **Taylor, Van**

Relating to a prohibition on converting certain segments or lanes of a state highway to toll projects or managed lanes.

Transportation

SB 1239 **Taylor, Van**

Relating to a study on the implementation of a traffic light synchronization program.

Transportation

SB 1240 **Taylor, Van**

Relating to the provision of a plan regarding the elimination of toll roads.

Transportation

SB 1241 **Taylor, Larry**

Relating to authority of school districts, home-rule school districts, and open-enrollment charter schools to establish innovation zones and the authority of school districts to obtain designation as districts of innovation.

Education

SB 1242 **Rodríguez**

Relating to the sale, storage, transportation, and disposal of scrap or used tires; providing a civil penalty; creating a criminal offense.

Transportation

SB 1243 **Burton**

Relating to donation of unused prescription drugs.

Health & Human Services

SB 1244 **Burton**

Relating to property owners' association elections and votes.

Business & Commerce

SB 1245 **Burton**

Relating to the use of certain coins and bullion as legal tender.

Business & Commerce

SB 1246 **Taylor, Larry**

Relating to dispute resolution for certain claims arising under insurance policies issued by the Fair Access to Insurance Requirements (FAIR) Plan Association; authorizing fees.

Business & Commerce

SB 1247 **West**

Relating to the establishment of a workgroup to examine the implementation of dating violence awareness and education programs in public schools.

Education

SB 1248 **West**

Relating to a franchise tax credit for entities that employ certain students in certain paid internship or similar programs.

Finance

SB 1249 **West**

Relating to a sales and use exemption for ink cartridges for a limited period.

Finance

SB 1250 **Ellis**

Relating to certain rights of witnesses who appear before a grand jury; providing a penalty.

Criminal Justice

SB 1251 **Estes**

Relating to the Texas Funeral Service Commission; authorizing fees; providing a criminal penalty.

Business & Commerce

SB 1252 **Hall**

Relating to an interstate compact on border security and immigration enforcement; authorizing fines and fees.

Veteran Affairs & Military Installations-S/C Border Security

SB 1253 **Hall**

Relating to a ribbon for certain members of the military forces who served in support of operations to secure the Texas border.

Veteran Affairs & Military Installations

SB 1254 **Birdwell**

Relating to transparency in economic development negotiations involving a governmental body and a business prospect.

Business & Commerce

SB 1255 **Birdwell**

Relating to the creation and operations of health care provider participation programs in certain counties.

Health & Human Services

SB 1256 **Whitmire**

Relating to notice requirements for certain meetings or hearings in fire or police departments in certain municipalities.

Intergovernmental Relations

SB 1257 **Whitmire**

Relating to the disciplinary suspension of a municipal firefighter in certain municipalities.

Intergovernmental Relations

SB 1258 **Whitmire**

Relating to vacancies created because of promotional appointments in certain municipal fire departments.

Intergovernmental Relations

SB 1259 **Rodríguez**

Relating to the committee developing a student's individualized education plan, the written report of the committee, and a regular education teacher's opportunity for input into a student's individualized education plan.

Education

SB 1260 **Rodríguez**

Relating to the selection of certain providers under the Medicaid program.

Health & Human Services

SB 1261 **Taylor, Larry**

Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds to fund an interprofessional health education center at The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.

Higher Education

SB 1262 Taylor, Larry

Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds to fund a health sciences and classroom building at the Pearland campus of the University of Houston--Clear Lake.

Higher Education

SB 1263 Eltife

Relating to the maximum capacity of a container of wine sold to a retail dealer.

Business & Commerce

SB 1264 Eltife

Relating to the regulation of certain industrialized housing and industrialized buildings.

Business & Commerce

SB 1265 Taylor, Van

Relating to the redaction of personally identifiable information of victims from juvenile court records.

State Affairs

SB 1266 Estes

Relating to the powers of a public facility corporation.

Intergovernmental Relations

SB 1267 Estes/ Watson

Relating to contested cases conducted under the Administrative Procedure Act.

State Affairs

SB 1268 Estes

Relating to the commencement of construction of a project following the filing of a final decision to issue an air quality permit or permit amendment for the project.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 1269 West

Relating to the regulation of and federal funding for certain child-care providers.

Health & Human Services

SB 1270 West

Relating to the compensation of associate judges appointed to hear Title IV-D cases and child protection cases.

State Affairs

SB 1271 West

Relating to the recovery of certain expenses by an electric utility in a ratemaking proceeding; adding provisions subject to a criminal penalty.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 1272 West

Relating to requirements regarding certain purchasing and contracting guidelines for open-enrollment charter schools.

Education

SB 1273 West

Relating to the rights of an employee who is a victim of domestic violence.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 1274 West

Relating to the authorization for a county to establish a wage higher than the state minimum wage for competitive procurement requirements in a specific contract.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 1275 West

Relating to a sales and use tax exemption for taxable items used to make certain home improvements for certain disabled veterans.

Finance

SB 1664 **Perry**

Relating to the establishment of the Texas Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program; authorizing the imposition of fees.

Business & Commerce

- (CS) COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
- (LC) RECOMMENDED FOR LOCAL CALENDAR